

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 169

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of First Lieutenant William Eric Emmert of Lincoln County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of First Lieutenant William Eric Emmert, a courageous member of the United States Army who gave his life in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant William Eric Emmert was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University and a veteran of the United States Army, First Lieutenant Emmert honorably served for several years as a Tennessee State Trooper in Lincoln County and with Governor Phil Bredesen's security detail, before joining in the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) as a special agent; and

WHEREAS, as a special agent of the TBI, First Lieutenant Emmert served with acumen and alacrity, earning the respect of his peers and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant William Eric Emmert truly loved the Army and took great pride in the important role he played in our nation's defense; he was assigned to the 269th Military Police Company, 117th Military Police Battalion, Army National Guard, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, following the patriotic tradition for which the Volunteer State is renowned, First Lieutenant William Eric Emmert did not shrink from serving in combat, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty; as a member of the Tennessee Army National Guard, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society: the concept of the citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Emmert was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was the loving son of Bill and Brenda Emmert; and

WHEREAS, this valiant Tennessean leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly should pause to remember the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of this exceptional soldier and human being, the late First Lieutenant William Eric Emmert, Tennessee Army National Guard, whose loss is mourned by a grateful nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of First Lieutenant William Eric Emmert, a man of impeccable character and limitless courage who stalwartly committed himself to the defense of his nation as a member of the Tennessee Army National Guard, and reflect fondly upon his bravery and dedication to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of First Lieutenant Emmert.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.